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MEDIA ADVISORY

MISSISSIPPI CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF THE BLUES

WHO: Governor Ronnie Musgrove

Robert J. Rohrlack, Jr., Executive Director, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA)

Darienne Wilson, Director of MDA's Tourism Division

Representatives, promoters and supporters of the entertainment industry in Mississippi, including: Eddie Cotton on acoustic guitar and invitees Bobby Rush, Dorothy Moore and Jessie

Robinson.

WHAT: Press conference to announce the Year of the Blues with a special

proclamation from Governor Musgrove on Mississippi's role and

involvement in the heritage of the blues.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 26, 2003, 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Governor's Mansion, 300 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi